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For: ELECTRODE SUBSTRATE, PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION ELEMENT,
CONDUCTIVE GLASS SUBSTRATE AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR,
AND PIGMENT SENSITIZING SOLAR CELL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. JP 2003-223939 A, published August 8, 2003, along with a Computer-generated English translation;
2. JP 2004-220920 A, published August 5, 2004, which corresponds to US 2006/0112988;
3. JP 2000-243465 A, published September 8, 2000, along with a Computer-generated English translation;
4. JP 60-50975 A, published March 22, 1985, along with an English language Abstract;

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5. JP 6-204529 A, published July 22, 1994, along with an Computer-generated English translation;

6. JP 2001-320068 A, published November 16, 2001, along with a Computer-generated English translation;

7. JP 2001-319698 A, published November 16, 2001, along with a Computer-generated English translation;

8. JP 61-116883 A, published June 4, 1986, along with an English language Abstract;

9. JP 2002-196685 A, published July 12, 2002, along with a Computer-generated English translation;

Applicants additionally note to the Examiner that References WO 00/48212 A1, JP 08-51229 A, JP 2000-285977 A, JP 2003-203683 A, and JP 2000-231942 A, were all previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 31, 2005 and therefore are not submitted herewith.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

Foreign Patent Documents Citation Nos. one (1) and two(2) are cited in Japanese Office Action 2003-305269 dated March 10, 2009; Foreign Patent Documents Citation Nos. three (3) thru seven (7) are cited in Japanese Office Action 2002-306723 also dated March 10, 2009; Foreign Patent Documents Citation Nos. eight (8) and nine (9) are cited in a Japanese Office

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Action 2002-328109 dated March 31, 2009. All Foreign Office Actions are submitted herewith along with English translations of the pertinent portions thereof.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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